

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application as amended herein. Claims 1-14, 21-22 and 35 are rejected and claims 15-20 and 23-34 are objected to.

In this Amendment, claims 1, 14 and 16 have been amended. Claim 15 has been canceled without prejudice. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment does not add new matter.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the careful examination, and for finding claims 15-20 and 23-24 allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Applicants have amended claim 1, to incorporate the limitations of claim 15, found allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, and claims 2-14 and 16-35 which depend on it, are allowable over the prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments and discussion set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, the present and amended claims should be found to be in condition for allowance.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Judith A. Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges/credits, please charge/credit our deposit account no. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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